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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CEMA AGREEMENT WITH AFGHANISTAN

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1. A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO AUGUST 13 SIGNATURE OF CEMA AGREE-
MENT WITH MEXICO, A SOVIET SOURCE WHO IS CONCERNED WITH
SOVIET-CEMA RELATIONS AND HAS BEEN WELL INFORMED AND USUALLY
RELIABLE COMMENTATOR ON CEMA MATTERS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT AFTER
MEXICO NEXT CEMA AGREEMENT WITH LDC WOULD BE WITH
AFGHANISTAN.

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2. SOURCE ALLEGED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. ALTHOUGH UNWILLING TO ESTIMATE JUST WHEN AGREEMENT MIGHT BE SIGNED HE IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE END OF 1975 AND INSISTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEFORE CONCLUSION OF ANY CEMA AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINA.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT NOTED ANY PRESS REPORTS OF MEETINGS HERE BETWEEN CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADDEYEV AND AFGHAN AMBASSADOR, AND WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF AFGHAN-CEMA TALKS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

4. IN VIEW OF CLOSE SOVIET-AFGHAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, WHICH INCLUDES TWO-WAY ENERGY TRADE, AND ALSO SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT, A CEMA AGREEMENT -- ESPECIALLY ONE STRESSING COOPERATION IN ENERGY AS HAS BEEN CASE WITH THOSE CONCLUDED WITH NEARBY FINLAND AND IRAQ -- WOULD NOT SEEM OUT OF LINE. STOESEL

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